that the Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Limited, Patna has appointed about 35 persons in its Head Office at Patna in violation of he provisions of Compulsory Notification of Vacancies Act, 1959.

(b) whether it is a fact that in making such appointments the company has suffered heavy losses; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government to curb such irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Government are not aware of instances of violation of the Employment Exchange (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959, in Bharat Wagon & Engineering Co. Ltd. (BWECL), Head Office, Patna.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Overcharged amount on Oxytetracycline

2117. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1434 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the notified price of Oxytetracycline 250 mg. caps as per Notification dated 2nd April, 1979 was Rs. 46.14 and not Rs. 44.05 as adopted by Special Team;

(b) if so, how the Special team ignored even the Government notified price;

(c) is it also a fact that Special Team not worked out the amount of certain packs of formulations;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to get them checked;

(e) what were the notified or fixed prices of various formulations of Oxytetracycline at the time the company went to Delhi High Court;

(f) what would have been the prices of these formulations had the Court not granted the stay; and

(g) when did the company implement the fixed prices and when were these fixed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) A price of Rs. 46.19 for 25×4's strip of Oxytetracycline Capsules (each capsule contains 250 mg.) was notified on 2nd April, 1979.

(b) to (g) In view of receipt of a number of complaints against the assessment made by the Special Team, it has been decided to have a fresh look into the findings of the Special Team and the developments thereafter. This exercise is presently on. Details of prices which the company charged by virtue of the stay of the High Court and the prices which they were entitled to charge under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 would become available only after the process of scrutiny is completed.

Foreign exchange waste by Hindustan Photofilms Manufacturing Company in the name of transfer of technology.

*2117-A. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Photofilms Manufacturing Company had spent crores of rupees in foreign exchange in the name of transfer of technology for the manufacture of black and white films during the past few years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of the foreign companies with which agreements have been made for the transfer of technology; and

(d) what are the details of terms and conditions under which the agreements have been made?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) to (d) M/s.

*Previously Unstarred Question 1740, transferred from the 24th May, 1990.

Hindustan Photofilms Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (HPF) has not incurred expenditure in the recent past (five years) for the transfer of technology for the manufacture of Black & White films.

Closure of Rohtas Industries Ltd.

† 2117-B. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the units of M/s Rohtas Industries Ltd., in Dalmianagar (Bihar), had been closed down by its owners arbitrarily leaving hundreds of its workers jobless and starving;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court has been issuing directions from time to time *inter alia* to provide financial relief to such workers; and

(c) if so, the details of such directions of the hon'ble Court *vis-a-vis* status of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The case of Rohtas Industries Limited, which has been lying closed since July, 1984, due to the interplay of various factors, came up for hearing in the Supreme Court on 24.10.1989, when, the Court gave certain directions to the State Government of Bihar and the Central Government for reopening the three units namely, Cement, Asbestos and Vanaspati of the RIL. In compliance with the said order of the Supreme Court, the Central Government has released Advance Plan Assistance of Rs. 20 crores to the State Government for acquisition of the assets and preoperative expenses. The basic responsibility for reviving and managing the unit rests with the State Government who have been directed by the Court to take necessary actions. The Rehabilitation Commissioner for Rohtas Industries Limited has informed the Supreme Court that he has started disbursing some amounts to the factory workers.

The directions given by the Supreme Court are to be complied with by the Bihar Government and the Rehabilitation Commissioner appointed by it. They are reporting compliance to the Court.

† Previously Unstarred Question 1833 transferred from the 25th May, 1990

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

I. **Report and Accounts (1988-89) of the Automotive Research Association of India, Pune and related papers**

II. **Report and Accounts (1988-89) of the Indian Rubber Manufacturer's Research Association, Thane, and related papers**

III. **Notification of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development)**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): I lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Nineteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Automotive Research Association of India, Pune, for the year 1988-89, together with Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the Report.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. Lt—955/90 for (a) and (b)]

II. (a) Thirtieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Rubber Manufactures' Research Association, Thane, for the year 1988-89, together with Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Associa-